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MDOC Community Corrections Division and Central Office Employees Receive Employee Recognition Awards

Jackson – The Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) announced the monthly award recipients for February 2003 today. In the Community Corrections Division, the following employees received recognition awards:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	Hometown	<u>Award</u>
Bryan Burton	Field Officer III	Starkville	Staff Employee of the Month
William H. Melton	Correctional Officer IV	Biloxi	Correctional Officer of the Month
James Johnson	Community Corrections Associate Director	Petal	Extra Effort Award
Jennifer Lucht	Field Officer II	Petal	Extra Effort Award

In addition, the award recipients from MDOC's Central Office include:

<u>Name</u>	Job Title	<u>Hometown</u>	Award
E.L. Sparkman	Deputy Commissioner of Institutions	Holly Springs	Staff Employee of the Month

Recipients received award certificates and lapel pins; the employee of the month recipient also received a plaque, which will be displayed at her work location. MDOC began the monthly awards program last year in an effort to recognize the outstanding employees and their dedication to the agency's mission of providing public safety.

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MEDIA NOTE: If you would like more information on the award recipients, contact Claire Papizan at (601) 359-5689 or send an e-mail to cpapizan@mdoc.state.ms.us